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REMARKS

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1. On 19 February 1954, the barracks installation in Loebstedt (8222) near Jena was occupied as previously. On 19 February, a total of about 120 troops drilled in the barracks yard and 3 T-34/85 tanks practiced driving. At about 10:30 a.m., about 35 recruits wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets left the installation for drill and aiming practice in the meadows behind Zwaetzen Kaserne. At about 10:45 a.m., 5 T-34/85 tanks left the installation, followed by about 45 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, who went toward Cospeta.

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2. On 19 February, the barracks installation in Zwaetzen (8221) was occupied as previously. Three trucks practiced driving in the barracks yard, while 8 T-34/85 tanks and 6 SU-100 guns were seen through the open doors of a garage.

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3. On 13 February, the barracks installation in Loebstedt was occupied by about 1,200 troops, including 960 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery, tank and motor transport insignia; and others wearing black-bordered crimson and black-bordered black epaulets, the latter including some with signal and engineer insignia. On 17 February, 3 T-34/85 tanks and SU-85 guns were seen in front of a tank shed. At about 8 p.m., 3 SU-85 guns and 6 T-34/85 tanks entered the installation. At 10 a.m. on 18 February, troops in the installation were put on alert. All tank and motor vehicle sheds were open and about 28 T-34/85 tanks and 14 SU-85 guns were seen in front of the sheds.

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Comment. The elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Jena are confirmed there

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